

PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT - BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners will be held on Monday, August 25, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the District office, Pascoag 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Chairman Albert Palmisciano, Vice-Chair Ann Polacek, Commissioners William Mageau, Thomas Partridge, Dennis Whitman, Brian Choiniere and Adrien Trudeau

Members Absent: Commissioner William Mageau

Also in Attendance: Theodore Garille, General Manager; William Bernstein, General Counsel

Chairman Palmisciano opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

1.Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Committee Comments

- Finance Subcommittee**

Mr. Palmisciano said that the Finance Subcommittee had met to discuss the extension of the Braver contract. The Finance Subcommittee would like the Board to approve the three year extension with Braver provided that Ms. Julia Adams is the principle.

• Water Subcommittee

Mr. Palmisciano spoke about Pascoag Utility District staff doing more research on water projects that could be done to utilize the STAG grant funds.

4. Good and Welfare of the District

A. PUC Data Request – Docket No. 1725

Ms. Allaire reviewed the customer shut off information. The average customer balance is around \$162.00. Ms. Allaire stated that 46 residential standard customers were disconnected in the month of July. Pascoag Utility District sent out 625 disconnection notices. In the month of July there were 17 broken agreements. Ms. Allaire stated that many people are entering into agreements but are not following through with them. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. Town Ordinance: Signs

Mr. Garille presented a letter that was co-signed by the Town Manager (Mr. Mike Woods) that reminded candidates that during the election season they are not allowed to post signs on utility poles.

Mr. Whitman made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Mr.

Choiniere. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. Well #5 Status Report

Mr. Garille spoke about how lightening had hit Well #5 and was taken offline. It was brought back online August 14th. The total cost to PUD was an estimated \$5,000. Ms. Allaire is also talking to the insurance company to include the lost revenue of having to shut Well #5 off and purchase water from Harrisville.

5. Approval of Minutes

- Water Subcommittee-July 28, 2008-Ammended**

Motion to accept the minutes as amended made by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote was six in favor, and one abstained due to not being present.

- Policy Subcommittee-July 28, 2008**

- Regular BUC Meeting- July 28, 2008**

- Facilities Subcommittee- July 30, 2008**

- Facilities Subcommittee-August 8, 2008**

- Finance and Electric Subcommittee-August 8, 2008**

- Special Meeting-August 8, 2008**

Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote was six in favor, and one abstained due to not being present.

6. Unfinished Business

- 08-02 NYISO Transmission Charges**

Mr. Garille presented information on the NYISO Transmission charges. NYPA power is now more expensive than Dominion power. The seven states filed an intervention at FERC complaining about the high costs. The bills have gone up by 300%. It has been ascertained that there are parties that have gamed the system. It has not been found to be illegal because this was within their tariff.

Mr. Garille has been working with Senator Reed, and Chairman Elia Germani to address the situation of refunds. Mr. Garille is also looking into working with Senator Whitehouse and Governor Carcieri's staff to write letters as well. Mr. Roberti is looking to file subpoenas on a criminal basis to the parties involved if this would help the proceedings along. Mr. Roberti will keep us informed of the ongoing situation.

7. New Business

08-19-Authorization to go forward: Action Item: To retain the services of Braver

Mr. Palmisciano said that the Finance Subcommittee has recommended to the full Board to sign the Braver contract. A motion was made to approve the extension of the three year contract of Braver Corp. provided that Ms. Julia Adams is the principle made by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Mageau.

08-20-Expenditure of STAG Grants

This discussion was tabled to be discussed at a later date.

8. Financial Reports

A. Electric Department-not available

B. Water Department-not available

9. Adjournment

Mr. Trudeau made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous. Chairman Palmisciano adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm.

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Brian Choiniere, Secretary

Board of Utility Commissioners

Desarae Downs, Recording Secretary